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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER: HER FUTURE TRAVEL PLANS

1. DURING MY NOVEMBER 16 CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER

BANDARANAIKE, I NOTED THAT PRESS HAD REPORTED SHE PLANNED TO VISIT INDIA IN DECEMBER. PM SAID THIS WAS NOT QUITE ACCURATE. WHEN INDIRA GANDHI HAD VISITED SRI LANKA EARLIER THIS YEAR, SHE HAD INVITED HER TO COME TO NEW DELHI IN DECEMBER. HOWEVER BOTH GSL AND GOI HAD MUTUALLY AGREED THAT JANUARY DATE WOULD BE PREFERABLE. SHE NOW PLANNED TO GO TO DELHI FOR REPUBLIC DAY JANUARY 26 AS GUEST OF GOI.

2. PRIME MINISTER THAN VOLUNTEERED SHE WAS UNDER SOME PRESSURE FROM USSR TO VISIT MOSCOW. SOVIETS, SHE EXPLAINED, WERE ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE TO SRI LANKA-CHINESE RELATIONS AND HAD UNDOUBTEDLY NOTED HER SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO PEKING IN 1972. SHE HAD TOLD SOVIET AMBASSADOR THAT HER PEKING TRIP

WAS IN PARTIAL RECIPROCATATION FOR TWO VISITS CHOU EN-LAI HAD PAID TO SRI LANKA, ONCE DURING HER HUSBAND'S ADMINISTRATION AND AGAIN IN EARLY 1960'S DURING HER OWN FIRST ADMINISTRATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, ALTHOUGH SHE HAD MADE OFFICIAL VISIT TO MOSCOW AS PRIME MINISTER IN 1963 AND AGAIN AS LEADER OF OPPOSITION IN LATE 1960'S, NO SOVIET LEADER HAD

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VISITED SRI LANKA. SHE THEREFORE HAD SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE

APPROPRIATE FOR BREZHNEV TO VISIT COLOMBO BEFORE SHE VISITED
MOSCOW.
VAN HOLLEN

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